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MATTAPOISETT YOUR HOME TOWN

The profound interest, expressed by our readers, warrants the continuance of the history of Shipyard Park.

The data, with which we are working, that seems to interest you readers, was graciously furnished to us by Mr. William Tripp, custodian of Old Dartmouth Historical Society in New Bedford. We hereby wish to express our thanks for it, and much more information he is so very willing we should pass on to you.

The first vessel, built after the revolution, was the Sloop Eliza, built in Aucoot by Abner Pease, probably to carry salt from the Hiller Salt Works in that

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SCHOLARSHIP BALL AT SILVER GULL

Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and narcissi decorated the Silver Gull in Mattapoisett for the annual scholarship ball of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Friday, April 23rd from 9 to 1. Ray Besse's orchestra played for the dancing.

The patronesses, holding bouquets of mixed flowers, greeted the guests in front of the fireplace as they entered. They were Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia, President, Mrs. Grace Engesser, 1st Vice President and Mrs. Donald C. Jason, Treasurer.

Mrs. Sylvia was attired in a champagne satin gown with scoop neckline and braided satin skirt. She wore white porcelain jewelry for accessories. Mrs. Engesser's gown was of dusty rose lace. Mrs. Jason wore a waltz length shrimp gown with strapless lace bodice and bouffant skirt of nylon tulle.

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vicinity. He continued to own a small shipyard there, building sloops and schooners, until in 1804, when he moved to North Fairhaven, where he built vessels for many years.

Several small shipyards along Mattapoisett River, the best known of which was on the east bank, a few rods below the present Herring Weir, was run by George Washington Gifford, the grandfather of Henry Rogers.

After the revolution, the shipyards, here, started where they had left off, and began to flourish. Records show that some 25 vessels were built in the next 20 years.

From 1800 to 1812, just before the war with England, the water front became a beehive of activity. Records show that at Mattapoisett harbor there was an increasing village of perhaps 40 houses, 3 or 4 wharves, a ropewalk, and shipyards, built in 1811. Upward of 8000 tons of shipping were constructed. Five vessels were shiprigged, and of the burthen of 300 or more tons.

It is possible that this ropewalk could be the residence now located on Church St., next to the Christian Church. It is a lovely old structure, that most passers would not recognize as built for its original use.

The War of 1812, with HMS Nimrod in Buzzards Bay put a temporary crimp in continued on page 6

REHERSALS IN PROGRESS FOR WOMAN'S CLUB PLAY

Lively rehearsals for the Woman's Club play are in progress at the Town Hall. Their hilarity is due to the exciting action of the play itself, "The Late Christopher Bean" and to the considerable talents of the amateur actors. Under the experienced guidance of Bill Spark, Jr., director, Clara Morgan is turning herself into a sweet and serious country maid. Sam Moffat is becoming a country doctor, Nora DeCoffe his harping wife, Anita Cornell her grasping daughter and Gail Smythe another daughter, who has a fondness for a young painter who's really Norman Roylance. Richard Tirrell is transformed into a sly forger, Ernie Gordon a shady art dealer and Bill Suzan, Jr. a noted art critic.

The play will be presented at the Town Hall, May 6 and 7 at 8:00 P. M. Tickets are on sale at Elaine's Beauty Nook, Edna's Beauty Salon. The Village Shop and at Frank's Market. Or they may be purchased at the door.

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MAY WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Janet Cayton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice W. Cayton, will take place on Saturday, May 1st at 8 A. M. at St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven. The reception will be held at the Silver Gull in Mattapoisett.

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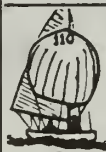
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Mrs. Howard H. Smith, Recording Secretary, donned a cotton aqua print with rhinestones. Mrs. Anthony J. Pelson, Federation Secretary and immediate past President, wore aqua lace and crepe. Mrs. Thomas Renahan, scholarship chairman, wore black linen with velvet sequin leaves. Mrs. Robert Bailey, literature and drama chairman, pinned an orchid to her black cotton Egyptian print. A gown of aqua lace top and crepe skirt was worn by Mrs. Frank Kouble, Music Chairman.

A marine blue taffeta gown with rhinestones was worn by Mrs. Wilfred Moss and Mrs. William Abrams was in black velvet print. Blue sequins adorned the black crepe gown worn by Mrs. Ira Hiller and Mrs. Marshall Ross' gown was pink lace with net skirt. Mrs. Lawrence C. Young was attired in white silk jersey bodice with hand painted flowers on sleeves and waist and marquisette skirt. Mrs. Ernest Gordon wore a blue iridescent taffeta with ribbon applique and a three toned gray striped organdy was worn by Mrs. G. Raymond Lamarre.

Others seen dancing were Mrs. David Briggs in green silk with cummerbund, Mrs. Samuel Moffat in olive green brocade, Mrs. Richard Stone in a navy blue strapless cotton with jewelled top, Mrs. Charles Sawyer who wore a gray & white flower glazed cotton, Mrs. Robert Jones in a blue & white silk print, Mrs. Merrill B. Walker who pinned an orchid received from her son in Korea on her gray taffeta gown, Mrs. William Spark in a black jersey with taffeta trim and Mrs. Albert Goodwin in blue satin with rhinestone trim.

A gold flowered brocaded dress was worn by Mrs. Richard Chase and Mrs. Donald Chase wore light blue taffeta. Mrs. John M. Souza, Jr. pinned an orchid on her silver and black striped bodice with black skirt and a black taffeta with rhinestones was worn by Mrs. Richard Donaldson. Mrs. Allen Perkins' gown was red silk bodice with black ballerina skirt and a black bodice with white marquisette skirt was worn by Mrs. Herbert Gray.

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TOBEY HOSPITAL BUILDING DRIVE UNDER WAY

Tobey Hospital's drive to raise \$250,000 got off to a good start last Wednesday when over 300 workers had their kickoff in the Wareham Memorial Town Hall.

Special gifts committees in Wareham, Falmouth, Marion and Mattapoisett have already accounted for more than \$170,000 of the total goal, leaving a balance of \$80,000 for the general campaign workers to go after in these same communities.

Marion alone raised over \$50,000 in special gifts, Falmouth \$15,000, Wareham \$105,000 and Mattapoisett \$2,000.

Falmouth, although 20 miles from Tobey turned out nearly 130 workers at its kickoff Tuesday night.

The hospital since its inception 14 years ago has always used its established funds for the purpose of providing the finest hospital care at the lowest rate. For the purposes of expansion it must turn to the public for voluntary subscription as most all hospitals do here in the United States where hospital and medical service is under the control of the people and not the government.

Mattapoisett has always shared in Tobey's facilities, to the tune of 108 admittances last year alone.

Tobey Hospital's policy of the best facilities for the lowest possible cost actually resulted in the hospital making a gift of nearly \$3,000 to Mattapoisett residents last year alone.

This \$3,000 represents the difference between that which 108 Mattapoisett patients paid for service and the hospital cost for actually providing that service

There were fewer than 15 workers from Mattapoisett at Tuesday nights kickoff and these workers are to cover our entire town. Quite a job, but with a little fore-thought on the part of our citizenry before they are

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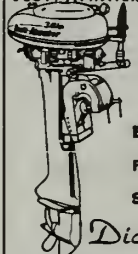
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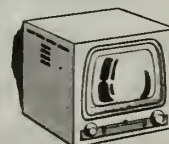
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 the activities; after 1815 we come to the 45 years when the American merchant fleet became the largest in the world. New Bedford was the center of the whaling industry, one of the greatest businesses in the world. As the years rolled on, Mattapoisett became the premier supplier of ships for that industry.

After some converted ships were used, it was soon found that sturdy ships built for whaling were best. These shipyards, of high reputation for their whaleships, lay almost wholly in Mattapoisett, and within the confines of Old Dartmouth. Of the best known of these, one was in Dartmouth, three in New Bedford, two in Fairhaven and five in Mattapoisett. Yet, during these years, the population of Mattapoisett was much smaller than any of the rest. She was, in truth, a village of shipbuilders.

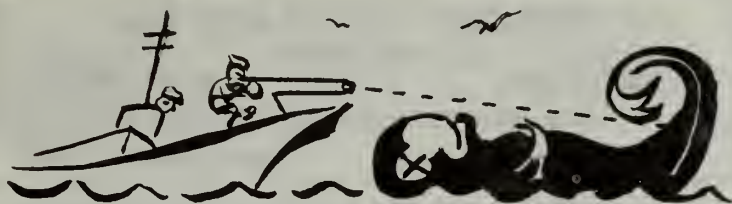
Much is known of the 200 odd ships built in Mattapoisett, but it is manifestly impossible in a short paper to speak of even a fraction of them; so I will give merely a resume of them.

To the west of the present town wharves, and extending to about Pearl St., lay the yard of Gideon Barstow, Sr., which later passed to his son, Gideon, Jr. and his grandson, Wilson. Wilson's yard was one of the most noted of his time. Not being a good business man, he failed three times, but he hired the finest master builders available, and for over a quarter of a century, 345 ships a year slid down his ways.

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HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Shirley A. Coderre celebrated her 11th birthday on Thursday, April 15th. On Saturday, April 17th she was hostess at a party at her home on Water St. Guests were Linda Montgomery, Nancy Peck, Judy Furnans, Leslie Wilber, Susan Donaldson, Pauline Valladoa, all of Mattapoisett, and Jo-Ann Sullivan of Fairhaven. Games were played and a magic show was presented by Richard Tirrell.



THAR SHE BLOWS APRIL 24

Capt. Dick Donaldson was down to the sea in his ship at 6 A. M. this morning. He took the Frederick Lee on a whale hunt, no kidding. The monster was spotted yesterday from a plane. Dick found a very dead animal of 40 to 50 ft. length, floating on the surface about 4 miles from the Vineyard Sound Lightship. In attempting to blow up the carcass, 20 rounds of 40 M M ammunition was pumped into the whale with no results except a few holes. The northeast wind helped solve what could have been a weighty problem for the Coast Guard. Lt. Donaldson returned to port after making certain that the wind and tide were carrying the carcass to sea. Mattapoisett has not seen the last of its whalers, but its whalers hope to have seen the last of this particular whale.

L. A. BURNHAM SPEAKS AT CLUB MEETING

Mr. Leonard A. Burnham, a Mattapoisett nurseryman, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, April 22nd in the Congregational Church Vestry. Mr. Burnham, introduced by Mrs. Andrew J. Alden, program chairman, spoke on "Perennials for the Home Gardener". He told the types of perennials to use, and the planting & caring of them.

Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia presided at the business meeting, and welcomed guests from the Rochester Woman's Club. The slate of officers for the coming year was read by Mrs. Thomas Renahan, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. They are: Mrs. Sylvia, President; Mrs. Grace Engesser, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Frank Kouble, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Howard Smith, Recording Secretary; Miss Marie Jeanne Gendreau, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Donald C. Jason, Treasurer and Mrs. Anthony J. Pelson, Federation Secretary.

It was announced that the annual meeting and banquet will be held at The Shining Tides, formerly the Mattapoisett Manor.

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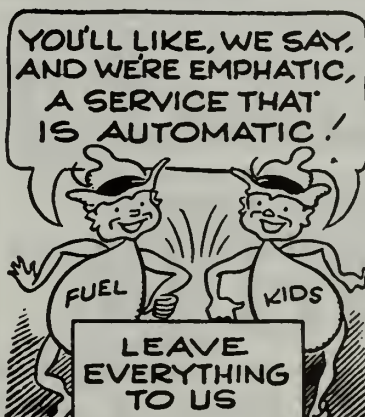
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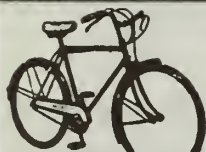
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Tea was served by Mrs. Manuel P. Correia, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Bieringer, Mrs. Chester Heuberger, Mrs. Walter S. Jason, Mrs. King, Mrs. Charles West and Mrs. Kenneth Wood. Mrs. Coderre and Miss Gendreau poured from a very attractive table with a centerpiece of spring flowers.

MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

A music festival will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 8 P. M. at the Town Hall in conjunction with National Music Week. It will be sponsored by the Mattapoisett Band for the 2nd year.

Taking part will be the band, directed by Mr. Roland Bessette; a group of singers, directed by Mrs. Lee Root; Catholic Church choir, directed by Miss Emily Perry; Congregational Church Choir, directed by Mrs. Ralph McAdams and the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Choral Group, directed by Miss Perry. There will be group entertainment of all types.

Mrs. Bryant Weeks and Mrs. Kenneth Wood are co-chairman. Admission will be free and everyone will be most welcome.

ARRIVED HOME FROM TRIP

Mr. & Mrs. Murray DeCoffe arrived home Friday. They toured New York state, visiting Montour and Niagara Falls and over into Canada.

Friends here will be interested to learn that they renewed acquaintance with Father Dillon in Rochester, N. Y., who formerly was priest at St. Anthony Church. They found him well and he sent his best to all.

ARRIVED HOME

Mr. Ernest Margeson has just returned from vacationing in Florida.

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OBSERVED BIRTHDAY

Mr. Ernest Degrand, North St. celebrated his birthday on Easter Sunday.

BUSY DAY

On April 30th Mr. & Mrs. Clifford I. Tripp, Jr. will celebrate their wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Tripp will also celebrate her birthday. Their son, Clifford I. Tripp, III, will also celebrate his birthday on the same day.

CELEBRATED 3rd BIRTHDAY

Phyllis Larsen celebrated her 3rd birthday on Wednesday, April 21st with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Larsen, Pearl St. Attending the party were twins, Jane & Joan Skinner, twins, Gregory & Robert Reynolds, Sharon L. Young, Charles Pratt and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Andreasen, Mrs. Thomas Crabe, Mrs. Lawrence C. Young and Mrs. Donald Reynolds.

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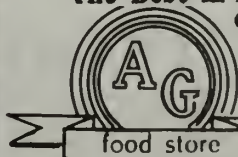
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From his yard, also came the largest vessel ever built in Mattapoisett, the ship George Lee of 650 tons, built in 1854 for the shipping firm of Cabot & Lee & Co. of Boston.

On the present town wharf property was the shipyard of Ebenezer Cannon, Jr., established in 1792, and continuing until the formation of the Mattapoisett Wharf Co. in 1834. The vessels built here were mostly small merchantmen, the first one of which was advertised in "The Medley", New Bedford's first newspaper.

The present Shipyard Park was the site of the Holmes Shipyard, started in 1812 by Josiah Holmes, Sr., and continuing until the bark Wanderer, built where the bandstand now sits, slid down the ways in 1878, the last vessel ever launched in Mattapoisett.

Josiah Holmes first formed a partnership with Benjamin Barstow, but in 1826 it was dissolved, and Holmes ran the yard by himself, and then with his sons, Josiah, Jr. and Jonathan. After the old man's death, the firm of Josiah Holmes, Jr. and Brother was well known in New Bedford, and was very popular with the Quaker whaling agents, for Josiah, Jr. was of that faith.

After the Civil War had ruined the industry, he moved to New Bedford, and started the Holmes Coal Co., later carried on by his son, and now operated by the management of Hathaway Oil Co.

Where the Anchorage was originally, was the yard of William Moore, established in 1800, and perhaps the first to build large ships for New York. Moore failed in 1818, and the yard was purchased by Uncle Leonard Hammond, as he was called. He was a very versatile business man, and a shrewd yankee.

He ran the Plymouth County House, a tavern on Water St. It burned on a cold February night in 1855. New Bedford sent a fire engine to assist that wouldn't pump until heated with hot bricks. They say also that the firemen performed much better when their insides were heated by rum.

It is said that on one occasion, a far-

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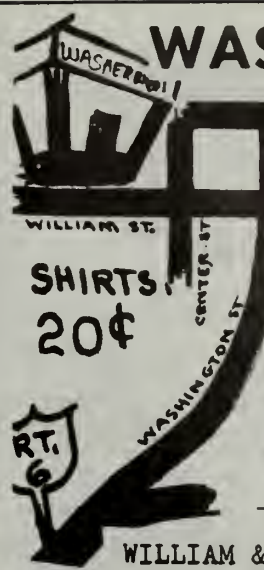
OFFICERS ELECTED AT COUPLE'S CLUB

The following officers were elected at the annual pot luck supper and meeting of the Couple's Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Co-chairman, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chase; Co-secretary, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner; Co-treasurer, Mr. & Mrs. David W. Briggs; Entertainment, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence C. Young; Refreshments, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Schrage; Membership, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford I. Tripp, Jr.

It was voted to raise the dues to \$1.00 per year. \$200.00 was pledged to the church.

The rolls left from the supper were auctioned off, with David Briggs serving as auctioneer. A treasure hunt completed the evening.

The winner of this week's Presto surprise gift is Shirley Coderre, Water St. Miss Coderre may pick up her gift at Fairhaven Motors, 32 Rotch St., Fairhaven.



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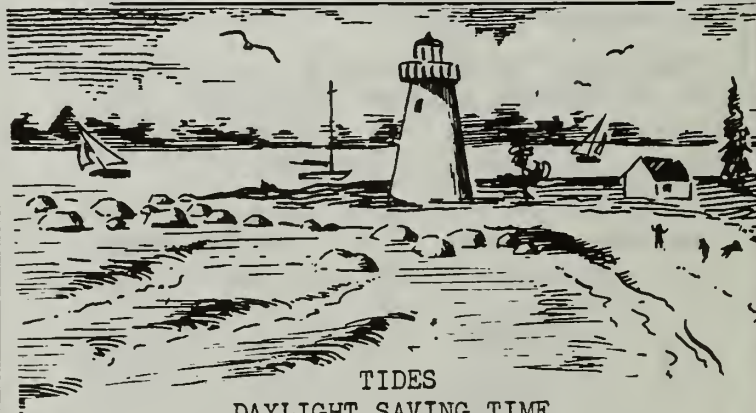
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mer on the Neck ran up quite a bill for rum at the County House, and Uncle Leonard had his weather eye out for some means of collecting. The farmer had a very large hog, but the law read that if a man had but one pig, it could not be attached for debt. So, Uncle Leonard bided his time until his sow had a litter. He then gave the runt to the farmer, and drove pell-mell over to the Neck and took the hog for debt.

Besides running the shipyard, the County House, an extensive salt works on the Neck, a coastwise trade to Charleston, Savannah, and New Orleans, Uncle Leonard was a government Lighthouse contractor. He built the lights at Mattapoisett and Gay Head, and in 1838 sailed from Mattapoisett with two ships and a large crew of men to construct two lighthouses on the Gulf of Mexico. It is related that he did not finish the Mattapoisett light on schedule, and when the Government inspector arrived, he sent a man to hurriedly lay some planks on barrels, to give the impression the floor was completed. He might have achieved his goal, but the inspector stepped on the end of a plank with no barrel supporting it, and disappeared into the foundation.



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	2	7:50	8:07	1:40	1:58
	3	8:42	8:58	2:32	2:49
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NEW SPRING BUSINESS

Spring is really here, you can be sure. The first lemonade stand of the season was open for business on Wednesday, April 22nd across from the bathing beach. Lyn Monahan and David Andrews are the proprietors. This infant business is certain to grow.

COME TO BREAKFAST

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will have its annual May Breakfast on Saturday, May 1st, from 8 to 10 A. M. in the Church Vestry. This is an event of long tradition. All in the Community are invited to attend.

ENTERTAINING SISTER-IN-LAW

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cooper of Main St. are entertaining their sister-in-law, Mrs. May Whitton of Monticello, Utah. Mrs. Whitton will be her until June, and while here, she will also spend some time with relatives in New Bedford.

BOAT TO BE LAUNCHED

Bob Lennon's boat, the Willard I is going overboard this week at the Aucoot Boat Yard. She will come around to the town wharf to have her new motor installed.



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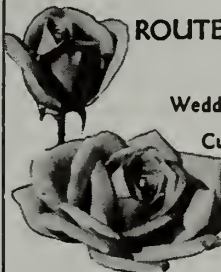
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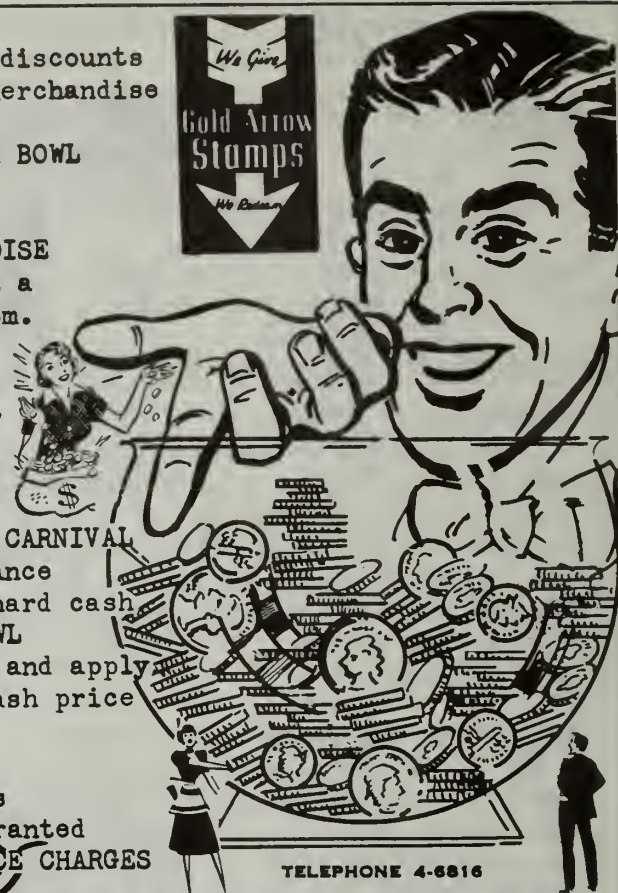
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